(b) whether police have presurrised the victims to compromise or let off the culprits by changing the Section of IPC imposed in many cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the preventive measures taken by the Government to check recurrence of such crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the House

[English]

Train from Bhavnagar to Delhi

607. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no direct train from Bhavnagar to Delhi (WR);

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce a direct train to meet the demand made in the past; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) There is no direct train available between Bhavnagar and Delhi However one IInd sleeper class (GSCN) has been introduced between Bhavnagar and Delhi by 29 9923/9902 - 9901/9924/30 w.e.f 10 5 95

At present there is no proposal to introduce a direct train between Bhavnagar and Delhi

[Translation]

Manmad-Malegaon-Nardana Line

608 SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to lay Manmad-Malegaon-Nardana railway line

(b) if so the action taken by the Government in this regard and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Reconnaissance Engineering-cum-Traffic Surveys for new BG lines from Manmad to Dhule via Malegaon (90 kms.) and from Dhule to Nardana (37 kms.) have been taken up Further consideration of the projects would be possible once the results of the surveys become available

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Khurda and Bolangir Line

609 SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have approved the construction of a railway line between Khurda and Bolangir in Orissa and sanctioned funds for the purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not starting the construction work of the said line and

(d) the time by which the construction work would be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes Sir The work of Khurda Road-Bolangir new line has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs 353.38 crores Expenditure upto 31 3 96 is Rs 1 65 crores

(c) and (d) Final Location Survey is in progress Land acquisition will be done after the survey is completed Work will be started once the land is made available by the State Government

Progress of Railway Line

610 SHRI BAJU BAM RIYAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the progress of the railway line from Kumarghat to Agartala and

(b) by when this railway line is proposed to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The work is not yet sanctioned

(b) Will be decided after the work is taken up

Funds for Centrally Sponsored Schemes

611 SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the financial assistance provided to the Government of Gujarat during the Eighth Plan for implementation of the various Centrally sponsored schemes for increasing the agricultural production in the State and

(b) the number of farmers benefited as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The financial assistance provided to the Government of Gujarat during the Eighth Plan for implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes for increasing